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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA REQUEST TO RAZE TWO BUILDINGS

Action Requested: Recommend the Board approve the razing of two obsolete houses on the northeast corner of the University of Iowa campus.

Iowa Code §262.11 and the Board's Policy Manual Chapter 2.3 section 2D require Board approval to dispose of buildings estimated to cost \$25,000 or more.

Executive Summary: These two houses are located east of and across Clinton Street from the Tippie College of Business/John Pappajohn Business Building. In 2014, the Board of Regents approved the university's acquisition of these two properties, under an agreement that the university not close on the properties until 2019. In January 2019, the university closed and took ownership. The university has always intended to raze both houses.

These structures were single-family homes dating back to the early 1900's and have most recently been rented student rooming houses. Substantial maintenance is now needed on both and, as rented student rooming houses, do not meet the City of Iowa City building code.

To the north of these two properties, 128 N. Clinton Street, a house was just demolished by the university and returned to green space.

These homes are neither historically significant nor protected under federal or local standards. Removal of these houses is in concert with the University's master plan. Upon razing, the site would be returned to a green space.

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